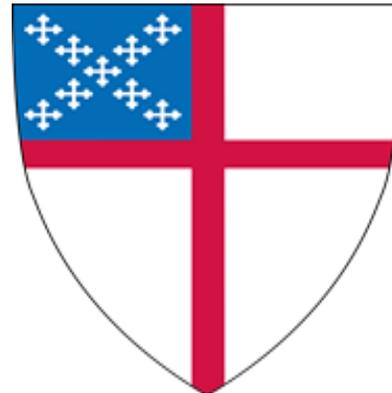


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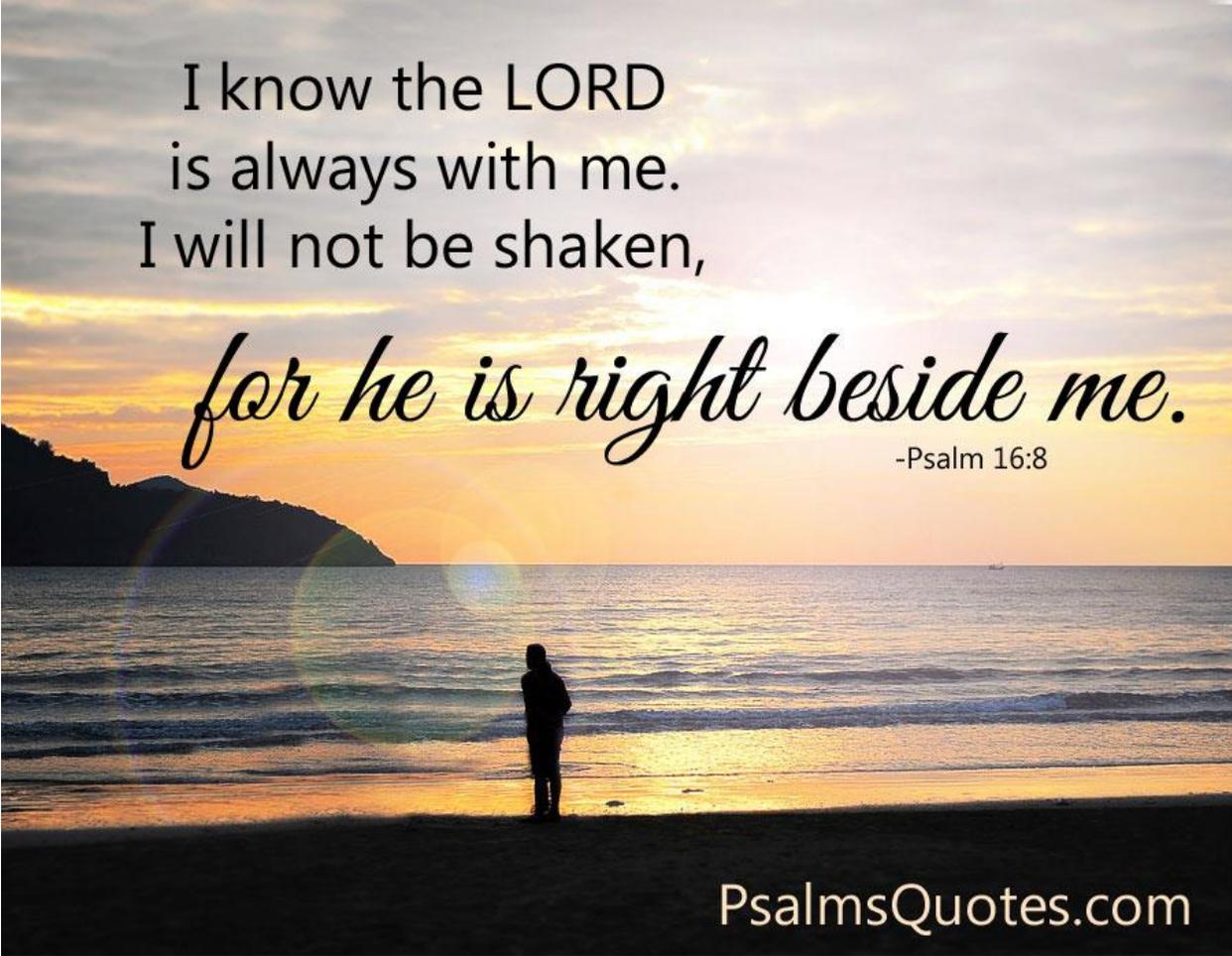


April 15, 2020



Readings for the 2nd Sunday in Easter

1. Psalm 16
2. Acts 2: 14a, 22-32
3. 1 Peter 1: 3-9
4. John 20: 19-31



I know the LORD
is always with me.
I will not be shaken,

for he is right beside me.

-Psalm 16:8

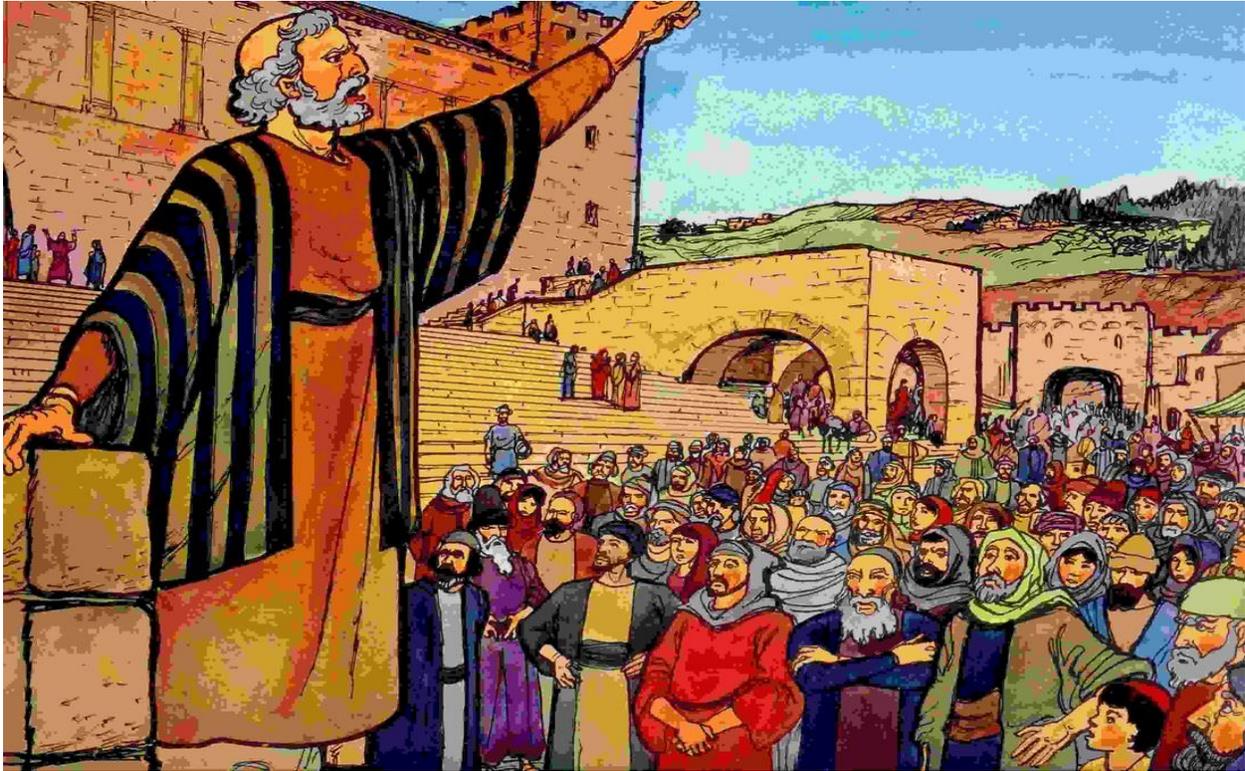
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A miktam of David.

1 Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge. 2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." 3 I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." 4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. 5 LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. 7 I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. 8 I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, 10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. 11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Peter Addresses the Crowd

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.



Acts 2:22-32

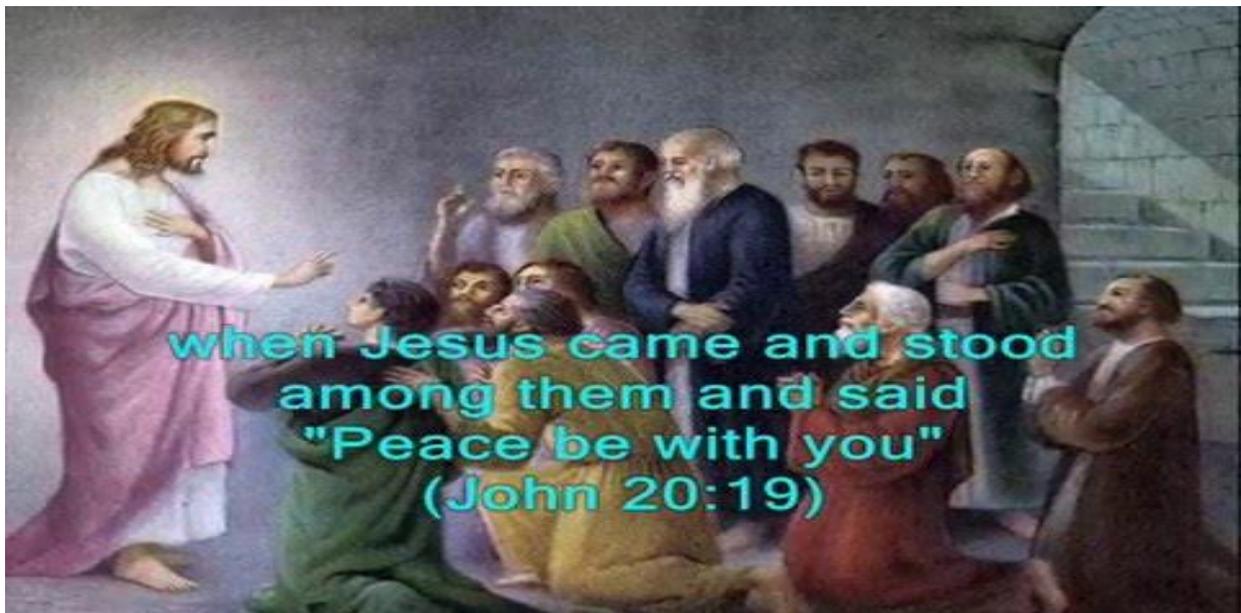
22 “Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. 23 This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. 25 David said about him: “ ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, 27 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ 29 “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise to God for a Living Hope

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:19-31



Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. 21 Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” 26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” 28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”



The Purpose of John's Gospel

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

In the Beginning was the word

- John focuses on the divine glory of Jesus...he is nothing less than God himself, incarnate in human flesh.
- Jesus is emphasized as being deity.
 - ◆ Jesus embodies life (1:4; 5:21; 6:57; 11:25; 14:6)
 - ◆ Light (1:4; 5, 9; 3:19; 8:12)
 - ◆ Truth (1:14; 14:6; 18:37)
 - ◆ Glory (1:14; 2:11; 11:4; 12:41; 17:5, 24)
 - ◆ Grace (1:14, 17)
 - ◆ He is the word (1:1)

Messages of hope:

A Brief Meditation on Hope

“Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul-and sings the tunes without the words-and never stops at all.” Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

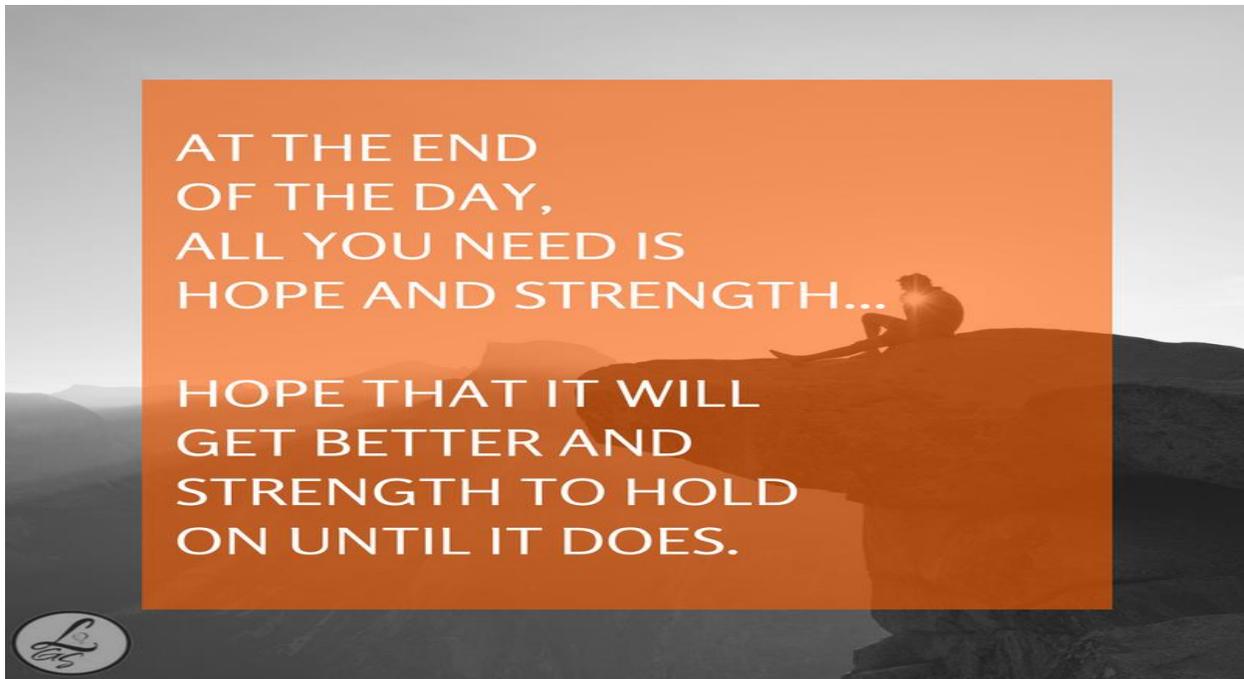
Living in a time where consensus of opinion on major issues is almost impossible to attain, few of us could reasonably dispute that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has turned the world we formerly knew upside down on its head. Since early March of this year, the familiar assumptions about how we can safely interact with friends and family have undergone a radical and unsettling transformation. Whatever our choice of digital or print media, the unremitting news of widespread disease and personal tragedy seems designed to darken even the most optimistic soul. Yet, as the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ teaches us, death is not the final word. We should never forget that while our mortality is inextricably woven into the fabric of a fallen world, the imminence of our physical demise cannot and will not diminish the undying love which God has for all His children. Therefore, suffering is not negated, but transmuted into the promise of Matthew 28:20, that, “... I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

As intimidating and uncertain as the immediate future seems to be, we are brought face to face with the stark truth about the things which really matter in seeing us through a time of existential crisis. All the fleeting assumptions about material wealth and social hierarchy melt away when confronted with the sole idea that we are far better off when we put aside our differences and lend a hand to our friends and neighbors in need.

All such benevolence and charity translates directly into hope, where the essence of the Holy Spirit is liberated from the cynical assumptions of the material world. C.S. Lewis said it best when he stated that for followers of Christ, hope is not an escape into wishful thinking, but rather is something we are meant to do. That something, as it were, is rooted in community, since the love of God or our affections for one another cannot be shared in isolation. The observation of St Paul in Romans 8:38-39 have rarely been more poignant or timely:

“For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord.”

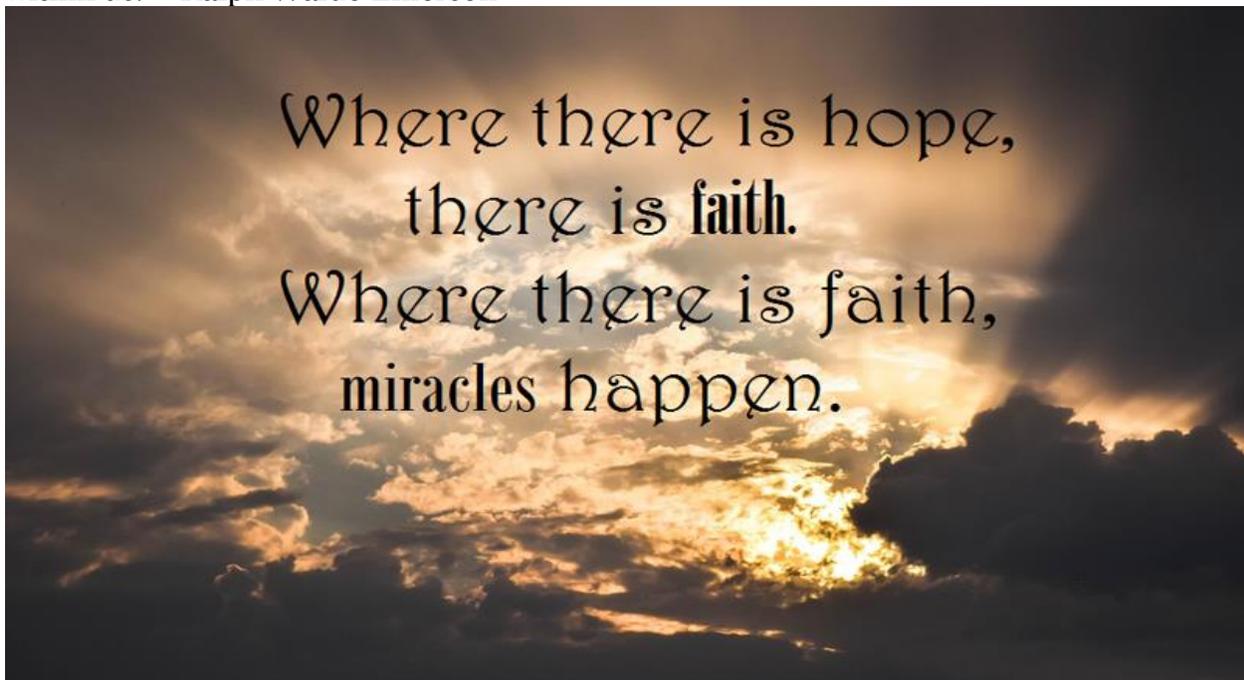
Whatever befalls us in the weeks and months to come, we pray that we have the strength and rectitude to allow our faith to be a living light unto a world that has grown all too comfortable with the darkness born of fear, nurtured in seclusion from the eternal power of God's unconditional love. God's Peace, Carl Bucking April 2020



When things are bad, we take comfort in the thought that they could always get worse. And when they are, we find hope in the thought that things are so bad they have to get better. – Malcolm S Forbes

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. – Albert Einstein

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. – Ralph Waldo Emerson





Hope
is the promise
that
anything
is possible

~Randi G Fine~

Hope is a wonderful thing, something to be cherished and nurtured, and something that will refresh us in return. And it can be found in each of us, and it can bring light into the darkest of places. – Anonymous



NEVER STOP BELIEVING IN

Hope

BECAUSE MIRACLES HAPPEN EVERYDAY.

PRAY *for one*
another
James 5: 16

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your
prayer request
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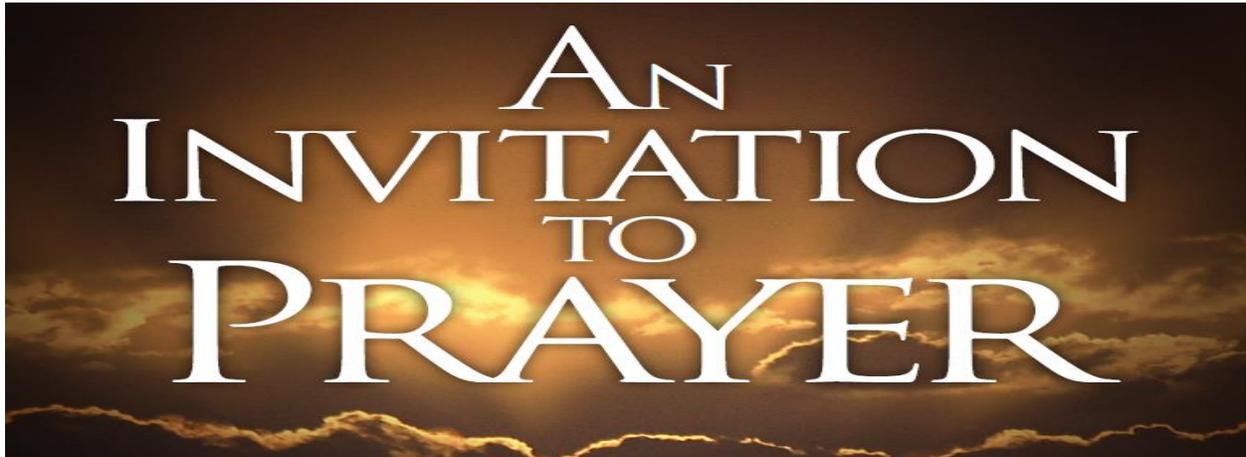
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